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## Serial commercial burglar arrested

Suspect targeted Starbucks outlets and fast food restaurants for thrills

Riverside, CA -- A suspect caught in the act of burglarizing a Riverside Starbucks coffee shop on Saturday, December 29, 2007, and arraigned today, has been implicated in 10 commercial burglaries in the city since September.

David Henry FENSEL, 32, of Norco, was arrested shortly after 4 a.m. on Dec. 29 when Starbucks employees at the Van Buren Boulevard & Wood Road location reported a missing pane of glass when they arrived for work. Responding Riverside Police officers established a perimeter around the store. The suspect attempted to flee on foot when the officers announced themselves. Fensel was arrested and has been in custody in the Riverside County Larry Smith Correctional Center in Banning on \$500,000 bail.

Riverside Police detectives had been investigating a series of commercial burglaries with similar traits. Investigation indicated that a series of burglaries began at the former Arby's location at Van Buren Boulevard and Dauchy Avenue on Sunday, September 2, 2007. Two Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets, at Magnolia and Hole avenues, and at Van Buren Blvd. and Arlington Avenue, were burglarized during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The first Starbucks burglary was reported at the Arlington and Brockton location on December 5. Over the Christmas holiday weekend, both KFC outlets were hit again, as well as four different Starbucks locations, at Arlington & Brockton, Arlington & Maud, Magnolia & Harrison and Van Buren & Wood Road.



**David Henry Fensel** 

After his arrest, investigators learned Fensel cased several of the locations and chose them, and returned to some of them, for their familiar layout and because he got a thrill from his burglary successes.

